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(57) Abstract			
<p>Racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers of a compound of formula (I) wherein B is H, a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl; Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, all of which optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₁₋₆ alkoxy; C₁₋₆ alkanoyl; hydroxy; hydroxyalkyl; halo; haloalkyl; nitro; cyano; cyanoalkyl; amino optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; amido; or (lower alkyl)amide; or B is an acyl derivative of formula R₄-C(O)-; a carboxyl of formula R₄-O-C(O)-; an amide of formula R₄-N(R₅)-C(O)-; a thioamide of formula R₄-N(R₅)-C(S)-; or a sulfonyl of formula R₄-SO₂; R₅ is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and Y is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; R³ is C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, or C₄₋₁₀ alkylcycloalkyl, all optionally substituted with hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ thioalkyl, amido, (lower alkyl)amido, C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, or C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl; R₂ is CH₂-R₂₀, NH-R₂₀, O-R₂₀ or S-R₂₀, wherein R₂₀ is a saturated or unsaturated C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl or C₄₋₁₀ (alkyl)cycloalkyl, all of which being optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted with R₂₁, or R₂₀ is a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl or C₇₋₁₄ aralkyl optionally substituted, or R₂₀ is Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, both optionally substituted, Het or (lower alkyl)-Het; carboxyl; carboxyl(lower alkyl); C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₄ aralkyl or Het, said aryl, aralkyl or Het being optionally substituted; and R¹ is H; C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, or C₂₋₆ alkynyl, all optionally substituted with halogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.</p>			
		<p>(I)</p>	

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Remark: Although claims 67-72 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
Claims: 74-77, 80, 81, 84 (all partially)

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 74-77,80,81,84(all partially)

Present claims 74-77,80,81 and 84 relate to a process for the preparation of a (serine) protease analog without defining a structure having said activity.

The application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for (the preparation of) only a very limited number of such compounds, that is the compounds defined by the formula of claim 1. In the present case, said claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the prepared products by reference to a result to be achieved, that is their activity.. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search for the subject-matter of said claims 74-77,80,81 and 84 has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the preparation of compounds of the formula I of claim 1.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-81,84-87

Compounds of formula I of claim 1, their preparation and use; compounds of claim 79 and their use in the preparation of compounds of formula I

2. Claims: 82,83

Process for the resolution of enantiomers as defined in the claims 82 and 83

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